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DONATE CELL PHONES TO MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals On Wheels has teamed up with Project RE-cell, a Boise based company that works with non-profit organizations to help them earn money through the collection of used cell phones. The funds will be used to provide daily, hot, nutritious meals to homebound seniors in Ada and Elmore Counties.

"We're excited about this partnership," said Angela Spain, Senior Nutrition Program Manager at Central District Health, "because the project helps us feed over 500 seniors in our community and at the same time, keeps used cell phones out of our landfills."

Project RE-cell will donate from \$1 to \$319 depending on the model, condition and age of the phone. In addition, they will donate \$1.05 a pound for phones that cannot be refurbished, which then are melted down.

The Meals On Wheels program recently received notice of the federal and state grants that provide support of the program and unfortunately those grants will again fall short of covering the full cost of producing meals.

"Every meal costs about \$5.00 to produce. Though program participants are asked to make a \$3.00 donation for each meal, the average donation is only about a dollar. The difference is made up through direct donations from supporters and by general fund monies of the Health District and partnerships like Project RE-cell," said Spain.

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PHONE DONATIONS – ADD ONE

The public is urged to donate all used, out dated cell phones and accessories to the Meals On Wheels program located at the Central District Health Department at 707 N. Armstrong Place, Boise. A drop box is available at the front door.

“We’d also like to encourage businesses to collect phones for Meals On Wheels at their own locations,” said Spain. “Project RE-cell has arranged for United Parcel Service to pick up the phones at no cost to the business,” she said. Businesses need to contact Norma Russell, Senior Nutrition Program assistant at (208) 327-8609 to receive further instructions about how to set up a collection site at their business.

For more information on the Meals On Wheels program and other programs of the Central District Health Department visit www.cdhd.idaho.gov.

For more information about Project RE-cell, visit their website at www.projectrecell.com.

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